Alberta Treasury
Economic Bulletin

ECONOMIC STATISTICS RELEASED DURING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 12, 2001 TO JANUARY 19, 2001

	Reference Period	Month/Previous Month	Month'00/ Month'99	Comments
Consumer Price Index	December			
Alberta	119.6	0.0%	3.9%	Alberta's CPI increase of 3.9% from December 1999 was second highest among provinces, after Saskatchewan (4.0%). The index remained unchanged from November at 119.6. The CPI for Canada increased 0.1% in December, and 3.2% from the same month in 1999 due to higher energy prices. The core inflation index (excluding food and energy) was unchanged from November, but up 1.9% from last year.
Canada	115.1	0.1%	3.2%	
New Motor Vehicle Sales (S.A.)	November			
Alberta	14,025	-0.7%	0.2%	Alberta's new motor vehicle sales declined by 0.7% in November. Alberta and Manitoba (-4.0%) were the only two provinces that experienced a decline in sales. The highest increases were recorded in Prince Edward Island (11.5%), Saskatchewan (8.1%), New Brunswick (7.7%), and Ontario (6.8%). The 3.4% monthly increase in national sales was not enough to offset 12.1% drop in sales reported in October. New vehicle sales have been weakening in recent months.
Canada	127,292	3.4%	-4.1%	
Wholesale Trade ($millions)	November			
Alberta	3,122	0.2%	9.3%	Alberta bucked the national trend with modest increase in wholesale trend in November. Quebec (1.3%), Newfoundland (0.6%), and Princes Edward Island (0.3%) were the only other provinces which gained. Nationally, sales have been pulled down by auto and computer sales.
Canada	31,749	-0.7%	2.1%	